- 83 per cent of the houses were constructed on plots owned by the beneficiaries. However, only 47 per cent of the houses were constructed by beneficiaries themselves.
- About 50 per cent of the beneficiaries have received assistance in the form of cash and the rest in the form of material.
- 86 per cent of the beneficiaries have expressed their satisfaction with constructed houses and the occupancy rate of IAY houses is very high.
- Most of the IAY houses have used local material for construction, thus resulting in useful linkages with local skills and resources.
- In general, the beneficiaries do not feel the assistance is adequate.
- The ownership titles of the houses are predominantly in the name of male family members.

**Funds for projects in Kerala**

3213. SHRI THENNALAG. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated for the development projects in Kerala during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated have been released;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING .SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN) (a) to (d) The size of the approved Plan outlay for Kerala during the last three years and funds released by the Government of India are given in the table below:

| Year | Funds allocated for State Plan (Rs. Crores) | Funds released | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Central Assistance For State Plan (Rs. Crores) | CCS+Central Plan (Rs. Crores) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2002-03 | 4025.00 | 1475.17 | 260.52 |
| 2003-04 | 4430.00 | 1075.01 | 327.33 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 4852.03 | 1731.47* | 304.51 |

*Provisional

**Natural resources of Madhya Pradesh**

†3214. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh is not able to fully utilize its natural resources due to shortage of capital resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the special efforts being made by the Central Government to provide capital resources to the State so that backwardness of the State could be eliminated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) As regards forests, the policy of Madhya Pradesh is to conserve and regenerate forests for maintaining the ecological balance and protecting the environment. The contribution of mining and quarrying sector at current prices rose from Rs. 942.52 crores in 1993-94 to Rs. 3,166.83 crores in 2002-03. The ultimate irrigation potential of Madhya Pradesh from all sources has been estimated as 162.14 lakh ha. During the first three years of the Tenth Plan, Madhya Pradesh has been able to increase the irrigation potential creation from 36.43 lakh ha. till the end of Ninth Plan to 40.02 lakh has upto March, 2005. The outlay for irrigation in the State Plan for 2005-06 is Rs. 1,633.62 crores, which includes Rs. 750 crores as central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP).

(c) The Planning Commission initiated the Backward Districts initiative under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana in the Tenth Plan with the main objective of putting in place programmes and policies with the joint efforts of the Centre and the States to remove barriers to growth, accelerate the development process and to improve the quality of life of the people. Under this initiative, 10 districts of Madhya Pradesh have been covered. Each district is to receive Rs. 45 crore over a period of three years on 100% grant basis. As per the scheme, the district authorities are to prepare the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.